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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

Thanks to everyone who helped on Sheep/Swine Tagging Day.

MontanaFair entries are due to the Extension Office on Friday, July 1st by 5:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Lauren Brunsvold who won the title of Ms. Southeastern Montana Rodeo Pageant Queen.

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4-H COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a 4-H Council Meeting Thursday, July 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 105 at the Courthouse. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

FAIRBOOK ON WEBSITE

The Fairbook is on the MontanaFair website. You can look at the book, print it out and print out entry forms. www.montanafair.com/site/exhibitor-info/

You can also reach the Fairbook through the Yellowstone County 4-H website:
<http://www.co.yellowstone.mt.us/extension/county4h/>
Click on "Fair" listed in the vertical section to the left.
Click on the link to MontanaFair.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Yellowstone County 4-H announces their official Facebook Page. With just a click of the "LIKE" button, adults and youth age 13 and over can view up-to-date information regarding meetings, deadlines, upcoming events, and general information. The page will allow us to effectively interact and communicate with members and leaders.

As always we encourage the safe use of Facebook and any internet site and suggest parents visit the following website where you can download a copy of "A Parent's Guide to Facebook":



www.connectsafely.org/safety-advice-articles/facebook-for-parents.html.

CLOVERBUD CAMP

Cloverbud Camp will be held Friday, July 29th. Forms can be printed off our 4-H County website and are due July 15th. We encourage you to attend this fun day!

4-H CONGRESS DELEGATES

The following members will be representing Yellowstone County at 4-H Congress.

Kathy Argento
Cortney Bromenshenk
Sky Caufield
Cathy Dekker
Jasmine Drange
Nicole Haack
Stephanie Horsman
Carrie Krug
Christopher Lanaghan

Briana Baeten
Courtney Bruce
Keith Crable
Connor Dove
KaCee Erickson
Jessica Hickel
Dustin Huntington
Blake Lanaghan
Julia Lober



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Hope Martin
Jessica Weeding

Rebecca Quanbeck

Rita Baeten, Roni Baker, Shannon Crable, Brenda Bromenshenk, Melody Harris, Barb Huntington, Les Huntington and Kristi Trupka will be the adults attending.

HOSPITALITY CLASS

I encourage everyone to participate in the Hospitality Class at the fair. Sign up for this class on your entry form. (Page 4 in the Dept. N Fairbook). 4-H members who want to come to the fair and bake cookies, cakes, breads, etc., can do it during the week of fair. Members provide the ingredients and other necessary items to prepare the food. An oven and sink are available.

Participants do not need to be in a foods project. Members of any age can participate. 4-Hers will sign up for the time they wish to come to the fair to bake. Members need to make enough to serve approximately 20 people. The food will be served to people visiting the 4-H department.

ICE CREAM BOOTH REMINDER

Every TWO hour shift should have 7 workers (2 adults and 5 4-H members). Please **do not** have a new set of workers coming in every half an hour. These are two hour shifts.

Ice cream tickets are \$2 each. Tickets can be purchased at a discount: 5 tickets for \$8 from the Extension Office, at Interview Judging Day (Monday, August 8), and throughout the week of fair from a fair clerk in Dept. N. You can give them to family and friends and let them enjoy our ice cream at the fair.

Questions: Call Chris Martin at 248-1425.

FAIRBOOK HELP WORKSHOP

Do you need help filing out your fair entry forms? Do you have questions about the schedule or what the different activities are all about?

The leaders in your club, the fair clerks and Roni Baker at the Extension Office are able to help you. You can also

come to get help on June 30th at the Courthouse in Room 105 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm for Dept. A and N entries.

Remember Fair entries are due FRIDAY, July 1st in the Extension Office by 5 p.m. Dept. A Entry Forms must be signed by the exhibitor and the parent.

CENTENNIAL QUILT PARTICIPANTS

Yellowstone County received 21 4-H Centennial Quilt Square Contest entries. A five person committee had the difficult task of selecting the finalist whose design will represent Yellowstone County on the state quilt. The quilt will be on display across the state during the Montana 4-H Centennial during 2012. Thank you to all participants!

4-H Centennial Quilt Square Contest Winner:

Frankie Sindelar Huntley Eagles

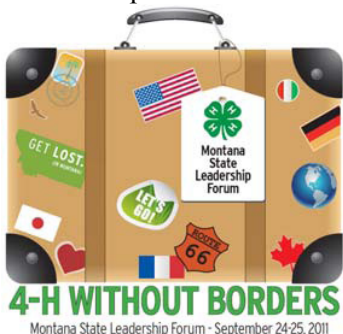
4-H Centennial Quilt Square Contest Participants:

Lizzy Bushard	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Susie Chesterman	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Tate Chesterman	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Wyatt Chesterman	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Brooke Johnson	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Lacie Johnson	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Miranda Johnson	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Alexa Jorgenson	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Ashton Jorgenson	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Hope Martin	Yellowstone Mavericks
Loran Murphy	Worden Riverdale
Macee Murphy	Worden Riverdale
Madison Peck	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Kristian Rader	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Lelah Rader	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Emily Rath (2 entries)	City Kids
Emily Viera	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Maria Viera	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Alyssa Zabel	Shepherd Tumbleweeds

MONTANA 4-H LEADERSHIP FORUM

Pack your bags for a 4-H adventure without borders at the 2011 Montana 4-H Leadership Forum on September 23-24, at Bucks T-4 Lodge in Big Sky. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders and teens, this is a great event you don't want to miss. At the event, you will network with others from across the state, gain new skills and knowledge, and obtain new ideas to take back to your county. Highlights

include a project skill-a-thon, international food, hands-on workshops and a keynote speaker. The setting is a resort like atmosphere near Yellowstone National Park and also



has outdoor recreation opportunities such as hiking and fishing. Registration will be available online in July, and the cost will be \$90 if registered by August 26th and \$110 after that date. Stayed tuned for more details from your 4-H District 6 Hosts!

EXCHANGE MEMBERS HOST DANCE

An all-ages dance will be held for our Wisconsin Exchange group on Tuesday, June 28th at 5:00 pm. It will be held at Oscar's Dreamland (4200 Story Road off S. Frontage Road). This is a fun get-together to learn what Exchange is all about and to meet our Wisconsin 4-H members. For information call Hope @ 248-1425.

BLACK HILLS REC LAB

October 1-7, 2011 are the dates for this year's event in Custer, SD. This camp is for adults and teens 16 or older. It teaches leadership and personal growth through recreation. Complete information and registration is available at their website at www://bhrll.org or call Karen Ward @ 406-932-6747 or Susan Michalakes @ 401-294-7209.

STICK HORSE RODEO

All 4-H members and parents (any age) are invited to participate in the Stick Horse Rodeo. Come make your stick horse in Department N at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 13th. Supplies will be furnished. You are also welcome to bring your own stick horse from home. Come and have some fun at the fair!

4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month I have been listing several of those supporters in the newsletter. I would encourage you to tell them thank you and support them in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

Mt Chiropractic & Nutrition	Billings Gazette
Arrow Resources	Thompson Cattle Co.
Commercial Risk Management	Party Time Plus
T & C Feedlot	Horse Palace

WHAT IS A PROJECT NOTEBOOK?

A project notebook should include the project book and other items (research, plans, stories, photos, record books, etc.) If the project book has activities, at least seven must be completed this year, otherwise at least three goals must be identified. **Project Books alone are not an exhibit and will be disqualified.**

SCAVENGER HUNT AT FAIR

Visit Department N each day during fair to participate in "The Hunt". There will be a list of 10 items which are hidden in the club booths. The items will be moved to different booths each day. Fill out the form listing where you found the items and have your name put in a daily drawing for prizes. Prizes include night show tickets, ride tickets and 4-H items.

4-H CAMP

4-H camp was great! Thank you to all Adult Chaperons, Counselors and CIT's. You did a fabulous job! The Adult Chaperons, Counselors and CIT's were:

Counselors

Ashley Carlson	Morgan Carlson
Bradley Cochrane	Brooke Corcoran
Brianna DeCock	Connor Dove
Jasmine Drange	KaCee Erickson
Jessica Hickel	Hanna Jandro
Celia Kirkland	Jettzen Lokken
Jorion Lokken	Shreane Reay
Kyle Steiger	

Counselors in Training (CITs)

Bailey Dove	Spencer Drange
Katrina Jandro	Maren Kirkland

Adult Chaperons

Dixie Osborne	Roni Baker
Amanda Riter	Lisa Terry
Travis Standley	

Camp Nurses

Becky Wolfe	Brenda Kirkland
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4-H DANCE AT FAIR

The Ambassadors will be sponsoring a dance at the fair on Wednesday, August 17th from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Expo Center. Everyone (including adults) is invited to attend.

JUNIOR COORDINATORS NEEDED

Are you looking for something to do at fair that is fun and allows you to learn a new skill? Jr. Coordinator might be the answer. You will have the privilege to work with others on coordinating big events such as Showcase, Quiz Bowl, Food Festival, Awards, and Class Judging. Plus, helping behind the scenes on setting up Dept. N and many more fun activities. If you have any questions please call Chris Martin at 248-1425. Sign up on the Department N Fair Entry Form Division 97 Class 1.

DEPARTMENT N**DEPARTMENT N MEETING**

The will not be a Department N meeting in July.

CAKE KIDS

The meeting for cakes has been changed to the 1st Tuesday of **August**, the 2nd, at 6:30 at the Courthouse, Room 105. Come join us and work on your fair projects. Cakes will keep until interview judging. Bring supplies needed to do your fair project(s): cakes, icing, edible goodies, boards for techniques, tips. REMEMBER, for fair especially, all boards should be the shape of the cake and must be 2" larger than the cake. Character cake boards

should be cut in the general shape of the cake. Also ALL boards should be DOUBLED!!! so that the cake will not crack during transport, especially after drying for a week. The boards should also be covered with foil. If you want help, bring your foil and a glue stick to the meeting. RSVP to the Extension Office at 256-2828 or to Carol at 839-7420 (leave a message). If you have any questions about what you need to bring or do for your fair entries, please call Carol before the meeting at 839-7420.

Carol has some upcoming commitments for the next 4-H year. She will be unable to teach the Cake Decorating Workshops. Anyone interested in taking on this leadership role, please contact Roni Baker at 256-2828.

MAKE IT WITH WOOL COMPETITION

The Montana Make It With Wool contest will take place in Billings on October 1st, 2011. Montana Make It With Wool (MIWW) sewing competition is open to anyone that sews with wool fabric or knits/crochets with wool yarn. Montana MIWW follows all national contest rules. All samples will be tested at a wool lab. Entry forms and additional information are available at the Extension Office.

Montana state winners will then compete at the National Finals contest to be held in Scottsdale, AZ, on January 26-28, 2012. Scholarships are awarded at the National level.

Age categories are Pre-teen (12 and under), Junior (13 – 16) Senior (17 – 24) and Adult. There is also a category where you make something for someone else. You have all summer to find the wool fabric or yarn you would like to work with and construct a garment or accessory. It is time for a Yellowstone County winner. To receive more information, contact the Extension Office.

**INTERVIEW JUDGING DAY
MONDAY, AUGUST 8th**

Everyone who has entered in Department N (non-livestock) for the fair will **need to be at Interview Judging Day, Monday, August 8th**. Come to the 4-H Exhibit area in the lower level of METRA with all of your non-livestock entries. 4-H clubs are scheduled either for the morning or evening.

If you come at other than your scheduled time, you will

wait until the scheduled clubs are through being judged - unless special arrangements have been made prior to the week of Interview Judging with Roni Baker. The number of judges needed is based on the entries and when they will be coming to be judged. **If you have more than 40 exhibits, you must come in the morning, even if your club is scheduled for the afternoon shift.**

The judging schedule has been split into four sections to make the waiting time for members smaller.

CLUB INTERVIEW JUDGING SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Check in begins at 9:30 a.m.)

(A lunch break will be taken from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.)

Worden Riverdale	Ruff Riders
Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Shepherd Pioneers

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Must check in by 1:30 p.m.)

Lockwood Humble Bs	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Lockwood Outlaws	Heights Trailblazers
City Slickers	

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Check in begins at 4:00 p.m.)

Hesper Hustlers	Town and Country
Boots & Britches	Laurel Roadrunners
Huntley Eagles	Yellowstone Mavericks

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Must check in by 7:00 p.m.)

City Kids	Out of County
Project Rocking Wranglers	Explorers
Kountry Kritters	

Contact Chris Martin @ 248-1425 if you cannot make your club's scheduled time.

INTERVIEW JUDGING DAY

Department N is requiring each club to have one adult member assigned to work on interview judging day in one of the areas listed below. **The name of your club adult volunteer must be turned into the Extension Office by July 1st.**

- Supervising the main door and checking for registration sheets as people exit the building.
- Monitor the judges room and act as hostess.
- Sit at tagging tables to monitor and assist the extra mile workers.
- Sit in foods area to monitor and assist organization of food in refrigerators.
- Two people to answer questions when new people

arrive and don't know what to do.

- Refill supplies in tagging and ribbon area as well as clean up in the staging area.
- Take carts back and forth between main door and tagging and help with loading and unloading.
- Arena manager to be sure kids are not leaving our assigned area.
- Sit at ribbon tables and monitor extra mile workers.
- Organizing best of class area.
- Help carry ceramic projects and organizing in class cases.

There will be a table for each adult to sign in and receive their job. Please have an adult who has an older youth being judged so the other parents in the club can help their younger children. Please remember, this job is to help make the day run smoothly so the kids get the most out of their day!! A lot of the work will simply be helping our extra mile kids as well as the clerks. It is hard to have the staff cover all the areas and keep the process moving smoothly.

Our goal is to have each adult supervise the areas so as problems arise they can be resolved quickly and eliminate stress for everyone. Thanks for your willingness to help.

ABSENTEE INTERVIEW JUDGING FORM

If you have entered in Department N, but are not able to be at the fair on Monday, August 8th, you need to:

- 1) Fill out an "Absentee Judging Form" **per project, (not per entry).**
- 2) Then you need to find a 4-H member who will bring your entries to the fair, with the "Absentee Judging Form(s)", and take them to the judge that is judging those projects. The member will need to take the project(s) and the form(s) to each different judge.
- 3) **Arrange to have your entries picked up on Saturday, August 20th.**

You can pick up the forms at the Extension Office - Room 106 of the Yellowstone County Courthouse or get them online at the 4-H website.

FAIR COMMUNICATION CONTEST

4-H members who signed up to do a demonstration at the fair can do their demonstration anytime from noon to 8:00 p.m. Saturday, August 13th - Saturday, August 20th. Tell a clerk when you arrive and they will help you get set up. You must have been judged at your County Communication Day to enter the Fair Communications Contest.

CLASS JUDGING

You do not need to be enrolled in a specific project to enter Class Judging.

Friday, August 19th - 12:00 p.m. - All Class Judging: Clothing, Foods and General. (occ8/10/99)

FAIR SHOWCASE & AWARDS

The Fair Showcase will be held on Sunday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. We have your script from County Showcase. Outfits to be modeled in Ready-to-Wear at fair must also be entered in the fair and you must interview judge with them. You must have been judged on the outfits at your County Showcase to enter Fair Showcase.

The Annual Awards Program and refreshments will be held on Wednesday, August 17th at 5:30 pm. Both the Showcase and Awards Program will be held on the community stage in front of the Expo building.

4-H DEPARTMENT N BEST OF CLASS

Buy a Piece of 4-H – Everyone who gets nominated for Best of Class and wants to sell the item can be in the “Buy a Piece of 4-H” section at the fair. If a member wants to sell an item, he/she must come to the department on Thursday, August 11th, at 10:00 a.m. to set up the area. If you are not there at 10:00 a.m. you may not participate. Members must price their item to be sold during the week. The fair clerks will keep track of the items as they sell. Each 4-H member can sell two items. Items will be picked up by the purchaser on Sunday or delivered by the 4-H member.

SHOTGUN POSTAL TOURNAMENT

The 2011 Montana 4-H Shotgun Postal Tournament has begun. Scores are to be shot between June 20th and August 31st. Jr. members are to shoot one round (25 shots) of Trap (5 shots from each of the 5 posts) from the 16-yard line. Sr. members are to shoot 2 rounds (50 shots) from the 16-yard line. In the event a shooter shoots a perfect score, they need to shoot additional rounds until a miss is score (used for tie-breaking purposes).

Trap score sheets should be dated, signed by the scorekeeper, and then mailed to the McCone Co. Extension Office. Please include a \$5 entry fee for each member. Score sheets are due by Sept. 9th. Make checks payable to McCone Co. 4-H Council and mail with entry forms to: Box 200, Circle, MT 59215.

Awards will be given for males and females in both divisions. Questions? Call Ken Nelson, McCone Co. Extension Agent at 406-485-2605.

LIVESTOCK NEWS ...

SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE

The Small Animal Committee meeting will be held on July 27th at 6:00 p.m. in Room 105 at the Courthouse. Fair details will be the main topic of business.

SMALL ANIMAL JUDGING CONTEST

The Small Animal Judging Contest will be held on **Saturday, July 16th 2011**, in the Sage Center at MetraPark. Check-In from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. with the contest starting at 9:00 a.m.

No separate registration form is required. You must sign up for Small Animal Judging on your Department A Fair entry as Division 2, Class (select) 1 – 2.

Remember, this contest is required for the All Around Contest for small animals at fair. This year we will do some team and group judging.

Classes may consist of, but are not limited to, poultry, rabbit, pocket pet, cat, dog, feed analysis and/or knowledge test. There will be two classes of reasons. If you have any questions, call Norma Seder at 670-5190.

WORDEN RIVERDALE JACKPOT SHOW RESULTS

The following 4-H members placed 1st in their class at this show:

Market Swine

Class 1 – Mason Bender

Class 2 – Ryan Nava

Swine Showmanship

Jr. Showman – James Whitmus

Market Lamb

Class 1 – Carson Huntington

Class 2 – Dustin Huntington

Class 4 – Ryan Huntington

Reserve Lamb – Shelby Dalke

Lamb Showman

Jr. Showman – Logan Schaff

Heifers

Class 1 – Alli Combs

Reserve Champion Heifer – Jordyn Wagner

Market Steers

Class 1 – Cortney Bromenshenk

Grand Champion – Cortney Bromenshenk

Beef Showmanship

Jr. Showman – Beau Bromenshenk

HUNTLEY EAGLES PROSPECT SHOW RESULTS

The following 4-H member placed 1st in their class at this show:

Swine

Class 1 – Mason Bender

Class 3 – Kaleb Flowers

Swine Showmanship

Jr. Reserve – James Whitmus

Sheep

Class 1 – Carson Huntington

Class 2 – Dustin Huntington

Class 3 – Katherine Argento

Class 4 – Shelby Dalke

Reserve Champion – Shelby Dalke

Sheep Showmanship

Sr. Grand – Shelby Dlke

Sr. Reserve – Tara Welborn

Jr. Grand – Carson Huntington

Goat Showmanship

Sr. Grand – Shelby Dalke

Sr. Reserve – Ember Sian

Meat Goats

Class 1 – Gavin Bohanon

Heifers

Class 1 – Jordyn Wagner

Grand Champion – Jordyn Wagner

Steers

Reserve Champion – Beau Bromenshenk

Cattle Showmanship

Jr. Grand – Jordyn Wagner

Jr. Reserve – Beau Bromenshenk

SKILLATHON

Skillathon will be held in conjunction with small animal judging on **Saturday, July 16th**, in the Sage Center at MetraPark. Large animal 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Small animal skillathon will be available to participants all morning. Small animal will take place 1:00 p.m. if necessary. Skillathon and animal judging are required if you intend on entering All Around at the Fair. You do not have to enter All Around to participate in the Skillathon.

No separate registration form is required. You must sign up for Skillathon on your Department A Fair entry as Division 3, Class (select) 1 – 4.

Skillathon will not be offered at the fair! Volunteers are needed to facilitate stations.

BOOTS & BRITCHES 4-H & OPEN HORSE SHOW

The Boots n' Britches 4-H and Open Horse Show will be held Saturday, July 30th, at the Billings Saddle Club. High point buckles and lots of awards and trophies will be given. An informational flyer is enclosed in this newsletter.

For more information, contact @ Cindy Sundheim @ 254-0058 or Lori Trafford @ 861-1962. Hope to see you at the show!

WORDEN RIVERDALE 4-H & OPEN HORSE SHOW

The Worden Riverdale 4-H and Open Horse Show will be held Sunday, August 7th, at the Schaff Arena, 2445 N 13 Road, in Worden. Registration opens at 7:00 am with the show starting at 8:30 am. High point buckles will be awarded.

Please see the flyer enclosed in this newsletter for more information.

HORSE & COLT

Any horse changes will be discussed and made at the July 20th meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Courthouse Room 106. Club fair assignments will also be done.

During the Horse Mixer on Thursday, Aug. 11th, the arena will be open for kids to warm-up horses for 15-20 minutes per rider. However, each horse and rider must be accompanied by their guardian or horse leader. It is important to know that this is for "easy" warm-ups. Due to the potential for high traffic, there will be **no** patterns being run or loping.

OPEN BARREL RACE

An Open Barrel Race (including barrels and poles) will be held July 31st at the Billings Saddle Club. Enter from 8:00 ~ 11:00 am. Open arena from 9:00 ~ 10:00 am. Open barrels start at 12:00 noon.

For information call Rachel @ 690-3852 or text Charlotte @ 670-8812.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Just a reminder that Friday, August 19th, the Livestock Judging Contest **will be held at fair**. This is one of the qualifying events for the county teams. You do not have to enter this on your entry form but you must register on

Friday, August 19th before 9:00 a.m. Judging begins at 9:00 a.m., so come early.

HERDSMANSHIP AWARDS AT FAIR

The Herdsmanship Award at fair is judged by anonymous individuals. They move through the barn anytime after 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. to score the clubs in each animal area. They may come by more than one time during the day. The judging areas and points available are:

- Parents doing the members work when members are not there and involved should lose points.
- Neatness of stalls and alleys in the area and care of equipment (35 pts).
- Courtesy to visitors and Herdsman's business-like attitude and cooperation (40 pts).
- Care and grooming of animals (25 pts).
- Bonus points for educational display (up to 15 pts).

MONTANAFAIR WRISTBANDS

Wristbands will be used at the MontanaFair again this year. All 4-H and FFA members that enter the MontanaFair will receive a 9-day wristband to enter the fair everyday.

Members can get their livestock packets at Department N judging day. You will then have your wristband ahead of time and you won't have to wait in line with your animals. The piece of paper given to exhibitor's parents in the Exhibitor's packet at check-in will be used again this year. This \$2/per ticket authorization will be able to be purchased at check-in time or at the Metra box office.

FAIR LIVESTOCK SALE

Once again sale checks will not be mailed out until a thank you note to the Livestock Sale Buyer(s) has been written, stamped and delivered to the Club Organizational Leader or designated club leader.

Out of county participants will deliver or mail thank yous to Roni Baker, the Yellowstone County 4-H Agent.

TIPS FOR MONTANAFAIR LIVESTOCK SALE

Start working with your animal(s) early so you are able to safely handle it/them. This requirement will be strictly enforced for the safety of the member, fellow 4-Hers and 4-H supporters watching the show.

Remember to work on getting buyers for your animal for the county Livestock Sale.

Ideas to keep in mind when marketing your animal:

Remember the person's time is limited so have you sales pitch down pat. Call ahead and make an appointment—businesses are busy; it is a courtesy to ask for time. Invite them to the buyer's lunch. Check with the Extension Office to see if they are on the buyers' list. Get an invite from the office. Hand deliver the invite. Encourage them to check out the animal(s). The point here is that you ask the individual for support of the sale. If you pressure the person to buy your animal, it is likely you will alienate him/her as a potential buyer.

Have the **dates and times** for events handy.

You have a quality product to offer at a very good price! Be sure to list those qualities. If there is time, share a brief summary of your financial journal and project book to quickly show what you have done with your animal this year.

Be sure to **thank them** for their time and support. It would be a good idea to follow up with a written note.

If a Buyer buys your animal, remember to give him/her the **buyer's picture** at the sale or afterwards—with a **thank you note!**

Sale Ethics and Sale Promotion:

Do you realize that some businesses have as many as 20 or 30 youth asking the owner and/or manager to attend and support the sale? It is obvious these businesses cannot purchase all of the animals. And, there are many other businesses that do not get any 4-Hers talking to them at all! Go ask a new business this year. You never know—they just might say yes! Remember, ask the owner/manager to **SUPPORT THE SALE** by attending and bidding. This leaves a positive, lasting impression of the 4-H program on the potential buyer.

COSTUME ANIMAL PARADE

The Costume Animal Parade will be held on Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m. I encourage you to enter. Forms to write your narratives on are available at the Extension Office. They will also be available at the Fair Junior Livestock Office. These are due at the 4-H office at the fair by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17th.

SMALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

This year we are move back to the Heritage again. On Thursday, August 11th, there will be an **OPTIONAL** check-in from 9:00 am ~ 7:00 pm You may check-in your animals and decorate your club space or just decorate your club space.

On Friday, August 12th check-in will be between **9:00 am ~ 4:00 p.m.** Animals must be checked-in and **in their cages** by 4:00 p.m. Friday to be eligible to show. Please have your animals ready to be inspected and **KNOW** which animal is registered for which class!! This will make the check-in process much easier and faster for everyone. The small animal mandatory meeting will once again be held at 5:00 pm, Friday, August 12th in the Heritage. The Pocket Pet show will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Heritage Building.

MetraPark has set some guidelines for everyone's safety; most are common sense and common courtesy. **NO SMOKING** in barns, **NO PUBLIC PARKING** inside the fair grounds; keep barns clean and neat; **NO DUMPING** of water outside of barns or doorways. Use **DRAINS** provided. Use dumpsters provided for dirty sawdust.

The open class rabbit people have provided crocks for water on a first come, first serve basis. If you don't receive a crock for your animals you will have to provide your own containers. (Tuna cans work well, **paper cups do not**). Bring your own feed, grooming supplies, buckets or containers. **EACH CLUB OR FAMILY** should bring; a short handled hoe, (works for cleaning cages), broom, flat shovel, and wheelbarrow for cleaning and hauling sawdust. A first aid kit for animals and humans, for those minor scrapes, bruises and headaches is also recommended. PLEASE **IDENTIFY** your items.

As soon as the barns open in the mornings, people start coming through them. The fair gates open to the general public at 11:30 a.m. For your convenience and less interference from the public, your animals and cages need to be taken care of before 10:00 a.m. If at all possible, the

animals should be checked again in the afternoon and late evening. They should have fresh water at all times. Not necessarily because they need it all the time, but the public thinks the animals need it all the time. They let us know immediately when an animal is out of water, whether it needs water or not.

SMALL ANIMAL REMOVAL will be as follows:

Pocket Pets – Friday, August 12th after the show.

Small Animals – Sunday, August 14th after the Poultry Show or 6:00 pm.

Everyone is to help clean the area as they check out.

CROCKS are to be sterilized and rinsed when you get ready to take your animals out. We need everyone's help to clean the area so everyone can finish quickly and enjoy the fair.

Thank you for your cooperation and support ~
Lauris & Nancy Byxbe, and Norma Seder
Small Animal Barn Supervisors

CLUB CORNER

The following clubs turned in club minutes this month.

Lockwood Humble Bs – A new club banner is being designed. We will do a button making workshop at Fair. Reminded members about fair entry deadline.

Ruff Riders – We talked about decorating our Fair club booth. We will have a club picnic at Big Splash. We will do a float in the Laure 4th of July Parade.

Shepherd Pioneers – We are planning an overnight club camping trip. Several leader reports were given. We will be helping at Home Steader Days.

Yellowstone Mavericks – We had a barbecue and talked about our fair booth. We may do a slide show. Reminded that Interview Judging Day is Monday, Aug. 8th.

4-H LINGO

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